



Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

February
City of South Bend

"There is an immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work towards the same goals"
-Indowu Koyenikan-

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

State of the City Address

CITY OF SOUTH BEND
STATE OF THE CITY
2023
Mayor James Mueller

Thursday, March 30th at 6pm
La Casa de Amistad
3423 S Michigan St, South Bend, IN 46614

NOTICE FOR HEARING AND SIGHT IMPAIRED PERSONS
Auxiliary Aid or other services may be available upon request at no charge if needed by you to participate in this event. Please give reasonable advance request (48 hours) when possible by email to adarequest@southbendin.gov or by phone to 574-235-5799.

Join us for Mayor James Mueller to deliver his 2023 State of the City address on

Thursday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. at La Casa de Amistad. The address is free and open to the public. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at www.southbendin.gov/sotc.

Thursday, March 30 at 6:00pm
La Casa de Amistad, 3423 S Michigan St.

RSVP

Free Eviction Clinics



The flyer features a blue and white color scheme with a central graphic of a classical building with columns and a scale of justice. Text is arranged in speech bubbles and lists. Logos for partner organizations are at the top and bottom.

The Volunteer Lawyer Network, Inc. **ILS** **EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE**
Helping to Provide Equal Access to Justice

FREE LEGAL ADVICE!

EVICITION & HOUSING

WALK-IN CLINIC TO PROVIDE ADVICE FOR:

- > RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS
- > POTENTIAL DEFENSES
- > DAMAGES HEARINGS
- > SEALING EVICTIONS

ST. JOE COUNTY LIBRARY

- 2/2/23 - WESTERN BRANCH
- 2/16/23 - LAKEVILLE BRANCH
- 3/2/23 - TUTT BRANCH
- 3/16/23 - RIVER PARK BRANCH
- 4/6/23 - MAIN LIBRARY
- 4/20/23 - WESTERN BRANCH
- 5/11/23 - TUTT BRANCH
- 5/25/23 - GERMAN BRANCH
- 6/8/23 - RIVER PARK BRANCH
- 6/22/23 - LASALLE BRANCH

1:00 TO 4:00 PM

Public Library ST. JOE COUNTY **PRO BONO INDIANA** **INDIANA BAR FOUNDATION ihcda** **INDIANA LEGAL HELP**
Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority IndianaLegalHelp.org

The Volunteer lawyer network will be hosting a series of **free** legal clinics 1-4pm at libraries throughout St Joe County on the following dates.

- 2/2/23 - Western Branch
- 2/16/23 - Lakeville Branch
- 3/2/23 - Tutt Branch
- 3/16/23 - River Park Branch
- 4/6/23 - Main Branch
- 4/20/23 - Western Branch
- 5/11/23 - Tutt Branch
- 5/25/23 - German Branch
- 6/8/23 - River Park Branch
- 6/22/23 - Lasalle Branch

Neighborhood IGNITE Grant

Start Planning Today! -The City of South Bend's Engagement and Economic Empowerment team will be offering a 2nd round of grants to neighborhood associations to create and expand ways for residents to engage, connect, and grow. IGNITE Grants provide funding for small neighborhood placemaking and placekeeping projects with community-wide benefit. Sample projects include *neighborhood signage*, *expanded tree coverage*, *park enhancements* or *public art*. **A new round of applications will be available in late spring 2023!**



Innovation Grants for Neighborhood
Inspiration, Transformation and Enhancement

South Bend Black History Month Honorees

The City of South Bend honored local African American leaders who've made important contributions to South Bend's rich history and culture. The honorees were featured on three digital billboards located at South Bend Ave. & Edison, Lincolnway East & Ironwood Dr. and South Michigan and Ireland. An Awards Ceremony and Reception was also held at the Charles Black Community Center.



Neighborhood Association Updates

NEIGHBORHOOD	UPDATE
KENNEDY PARK	Still working on community center renovations.
RIVER PARK	Talked about Ignite Grant planning and public safety Partnered with IUSB to develop neighborhood newsletter online.
MIAMI VILLAGE	Discussed Ignite Grant for neighborhood signage. Planning spring cleanup May 13th.
FAR NORTHWEST	Submitted Service request for yard signs.
NEAR WEST SIDE	Discussed housing and home repair in neighborhood. Neighborhood cleanup scheduled May 20th.
MONROE PARK	Awarded Ignite grant for "Neighborhood Tool Trailer". Finishing neighborhood planning process.
LINCOLN BENDIX	Awarded Ignite Grant for neighborhood beautification.
NENC	Planning for Ignite Grant.
RUM VILLAGE	No updates at this time. Planning for Ignite Grant.
NNN	Awarded Ignite Grant, and they are also hosting a forum on Historic Preservation updates. There is a survey for resident feedback.
SOAR	Preparing Ignite Grant application. Planning Spring cleanup.
LaSalle Park	Hosted a community forum on participation in the legislative process. Hosted Black History Month Awards Ceremony.

NEIGHBORHOOD	UPDATE
Lincolnway NFC	Reviewed new bylaws and neighborhood canvassing March 11th.
Mckinley Terrace	Upcoming meeting on April 13th , 7pm at Tree of Life Church. Councilperson Troy Werner is guest speaker.
Northshore Triangle	Awarded Ignite Grant for community garden and neighborhood signage.
Edgewater	No updates at this time.
Twyckenham Hills	No updates at this time.
Chapin Park	Historic District Guidelines are being updated. Residents may participate in an online survey

Your Neighborhood Here



For questions about getting your neighborhood included contact the Engagement team at eee@southbendin.gov or go to www.southbendin.gov/eee



Neighborhoods Consortium

The January Neighborhoods Consortium was held on January 11th at the TRC. Representatives from 14+ neighborhood associations met with the Mayor, MACOG, and Transpo. The group discussed the upcoming MACOG transportation study.

The City of South Bend's Public Works Department also gave a presentation on traffic calming efforts throughout the city.

The next meeting will be April 5, 2023. See the [Consortium](#) page for more information.

For questions or more information contact eee@southbendin.gov.

South Bend Plan Updates

Monroe Park/Edgewater - Planning workshops were held on Thursday, November 3rd from 10am to 6pm & Thursday, Nov 10th at 6pm at Howard Park. Plan process is underway and will be completed soon. See the "Together" link below for more info.

Coming soon! Lasalle Park and River Park plans - to begin later in 2023

Congratulations to **Rum Village, Kennedy Park, Near West Side** and the **Northwest Neighborhood** for new adopted plans in 2022! See together.southbendin.gov for more information or to download the plans.

Contact planning@southbendin.gov or eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

www.together.southbendin.gov



HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCES

Supporting South Bend

Did you know the City of South Bend has a website dedicated to helping the community locate important resources? Everything from assistance for childcare, rent and utilities to free WIFI and free golf.

You can find it by searching "Supporting South Bend" in your web browser, typing www.southbendin.gov/support, or clicking the button below.

[Click For Supporting South Bend](http://www.southbendin.gov/support)

Do you have a student in your life? The South Bend Human Rights Commission is having a scholarship essay contest. First place is a \$2,000 prize! The essay will be a 1.5-2 page essay answering a question on Voting Rights:

Is the Voting Act still needed? Why or why not?

[Click Here for More Information](#)

HUSTLESBE.ORG

HUSTLESBE COHORT 6

A BUSINESS BOOTCAMP

hustle SBE

SOUTH BEND | ELKHART
REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

The South Bend – Elkhart Regional Partnership is excited to launch Cohort Six of **HustleSBE!** Applications are now open and will close on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:00pm. Businesses must be headquartered in the South Bend – Elkhart region, which includes Elkhart, Marshall, and St. Joseph counties in Indiana and Berrien and Cass counties in Michigan. Other criteria and more information about the program can be found at hustlesbe.org.

Apply today and continue to build your business' resiliency!

[Apply Now](#)

[Learn more](#)

EASSI

APPLY TO EASSI!

Are YOU a...

- Nonprofit
- School
- Medical facility
- Grocery store



Get a **FREE** energy assessment to identify energy savings opportunities **AND** matching grants from the City up to **\$30,000** to implement energy efficiency and solar projects!

Learn more and apply by **February 24:**
<https://southbendin.gov/eassi/>



Strengthening nonprofits and
the communities they serve.



CDFI FRIENDLY
SOUTH BEND

The Energy Assistance and Solar Savings Initiative (EASSI) provides subsidized energy assessments, grants, and low-interest loans to community organizations.

**Register
now**

VIBRANT PLACES!



BETTER VIBES | BETTER BUSINESS

VIBRANT PLACES is a matching grant program for qualifying exterior enhancements to commercial, mixed-use, & industrial buildings.

Up to **\$112,000 matching funds** available for projects!

Qualifying projects for up to **70% matching grant funds** include:



...and more! **50% Standard Grant + 20% Sustainable Bonus**



SUNPOWERED GRANT

Your business may **additionally** apply for 15% or 25% matching funds for **solar** projects.

www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces



SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS

VIBRANT PLACES

SUNPOWERED GRANT

A GRANT FOR SOLAR

Receive funding for your business to install solar panels & battery storage systems!

Grants for solar panels are in addition to the standard grant and sustainability bonus available through Vibrant Places. **A single business could be eligible for all three grants.**

	Matching Grant %	Max Grant Amount \$
CITY-WIDE (INCLUDING DOWNTOWN)	15%	\$20,000 (15% of a \$133,333+ project)
PRIORITY CORRIDOR	25%	\$30,000 (25% of a \$120,000+ project)

A project in partnership with  **SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS**

WHY GO SOLAR?



ENERGY COST CONTROL

A solution to ever varying and increasing energy costs



LOW MAINTENANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY

No required operations & maintenance spend



ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT

Internal rate of return >15% with federal incentives



POWER YOUR COMPANY WITH CLEAN ENERGY

Solar panels generate electricity without burning fossil fuels or contributing to climate change



SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF BACKUP POWER

With battery storage, you can prepare for energy interruptions without relying on a generator

Learn more and apply:



www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces

VIBRANT PLACES

SUSTAINABILITY BONUS



TAKE YOUR PROJECT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

STANDARD
50% Matching



SUSTAINABLE!
70% Matching

GET AN EXTRA 20% MATCHING FUNDS FOR...

Energy-Efficient
doors & windows



No VOC paint



Permeable
surfaces



30% Recycled-
content Materials



Rain gardens



Drought-tolerant
landscaping



Learn more and apply:



www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces

The City of South Bend has announced a new round of workforce development training courses provided by Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership. The Pathways program assists workers from South Bend manufacturing companies with career training, improving employees' skills and providing them with advancement opportunities with local manufacturers. More about the Purdue MEP trainings and how to apply can be found [HERE](#).

TRC TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER

Check out the February newsletter from South Bend's Technology Resource Center (TRC) [HERE](#) to learn more about their programs.

RSVP for Co-working, Coffee, and Collaboration, and the next Nonprofit Lunch, Learning, and Networking series **March 9th**.



NONPROFIT WORKSHOP



PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERIES

Join us for the remaining 2 workshops in TRC's Nonprofit Workshop: Project Management Series! Aimed to help nonprofits develop the skills they need to succeed, this series includes 3 interactive sessions led by professionals in the South Bend community. We hope to see you there!

Session 2: Theories of Project Management

Presented by Madi Rogers, City of South Bend Director of Civic Innovation
March 9, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Session 3: Projects and People

Presented by Matt Barlow, Project Manager at EnFocus
April 13, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

RSVP

Spring is coming and DTSB is ready to celebrate ! Visit DTSB's [website](#) for a complete list of all the activities planned .



Public Safety



The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Chief of Police, [Scott Ruskowski](#) or Patrol Division Chief, [Eric Crittendon](#).

You can now also join the App "Neighbors: if you have a "Ring" doorbell to help Police and Fire keep a safe eye on your neighborhood.

This is a "FREE" App.



We've Joined Neighbors.

Now you can receive real-time crime and safety updates from an official source. By working together, we can help make our neighborhoods safer.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

BUILD SOUTH BEND

Check out this recent article in Strong Towns featuring South Bend about building strong, inclusive and vibrant neighborhoods!

Who Does It Take To Build a Neighborhood? Everyone.

And then join the conversation below.

BUILD SOUTH BEND VIRTUAL TRAININGS 2023

The 12 Steps of Town Making

led by Neighborhood Evolution - Bernice Radle,
Monte Anderson, Jim Kumon & Mike Keen

Farming Your Community & Finding Your People

Steps 1 & 2 | February 15 @ 6:30 PM

How to ATTRACT Financing and Investors

Step 3 | March 15 @ 6:30 PM

Legal & Accounting - You Have to Have It!

Step 4 | April 16 @ 6:30

Your First (or Next) Project & How to Start

Steps 5 & 6 | June 21 @ 6:30

Building Your Team for a Successful Project

Steps 7 & 8 | July 19 @ 6:30

Setting up your Construction System

Step 9 | October 18 @ 6:30

Leasing, Property Management & Helping Others

Steps 10, 11, & 12 | November 15 @ 6:30

FOR DETAILED INFO & ZOOM INVITATIONS, RSVP
EEE@SOUTHBENDIN.GOV, OR ONLINE @
WWW.SOUTHBENDIN.GOV/BSB

2023 Small Developer Seminars

Join us virtually on March 15 for **Virtual Training: How to ATTRACT Financing**

[Sign Up Now](#)

Financing :

Join townmakers Monte Anderson and Bernice Radle as they discuss the fundamentals of finding your development farm, investing in the community, and taking the critical steps of working with banks, neighbors, contractors, and the ecosystem of support needed for successful project development.

A Three Part Series

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Save the Dates!



**JAN
21**

FARMING & SUSTAINABILITY

9 AM-12:30 PM

Learn the fundamentals of dealmaking, development and more, with a special focus on sustainability.

FINANCE

9 AM-12 PM

This hands-on session will teach acquisitions, finance, using proformas, interviewing banks, and more.

**MAY
06**



**SEP
30**

FORM

9 AM-12 PM

Form will teach zoning, how and who to hire, designing for tenants, and much more.

For More Information, Please Visit

www.southbendin.gov/bsb



**WORKSHOP
SERIES 2023**



Join us in person on May 6th for **Building South Bend: Finance**

[Sign Up Here](#)

Sewer/Water Reconnect

A new Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will offer a reimbursement up to \$20,000 for qualified costs of connecting the sewer lateral to new low-and moderate-income homes. This funding may be used to cover the cost of the entire sewer lateral from the main line to the residential structure. Qualifying costs for reimbursement include labor, materials, traffic control, and restoration of pavement, curbs and sidewalks related to the sewer lateral work. Subject to the respective approvals by the Common Council and Board of Public Works, both the revised System Development Charges and the Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will be active by mid-July.

Learn more here

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Are you struggling to pay your energy or water bill?

You may be qualified to receive federal funding to help pay some of your bills this winter. The Low-Income Household Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program to help Indiana residents pay their utility bills and prevent utility shut offs.



Applications End May 15th

Apply Now

NNN Financial Readiness Classes

FINANCIAL READINESS CLASSES

LOOKING TO CHANGE YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE? IMPROVE YOUR CREDIT SCORE? LEARN HOW TO PURCHASE A HOME? LOOK NO FURTHER!!

GAIN MONEY MANAGEMENT \$KILLS

**ATTEND A FREE 6-WEEK BEGINNERS LEVEL COURSE
MARCH 20TH - APRIL 24TH, MONDAYS, 5:30 - 7PM.
LIGHT MEALS SERVED.**



Please call or email André Northern at 574-303-7990 or anorthern.nnn@gmail.com for more information and for applications. Applications can also be downloaded by following the QR Code below. All applications must be emailed to anorthern.nnn@gmail.com or returned to the Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc. office at 1007 Portage Ave, South Bend, IN 46616 by Monday, March 13th. Enrollment is limited. Students who meet attendance requirements will receive a \$75 gift card upon completion of the class.

Scan for application

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[Register Now](#)

Climate Action Ambassador Program

The Office of Sustainability is recruiting 15 local leaders to serve as Climate Action Ambassadors for the City of South Bend.

Climate Action Ambassadors will facilitate conversations with the community to help prepare for climate change and contribute to the next update of South Bend's Climate Action Plan. Ambassadors will receive a \$250 stipend for their time and participation in the program, which, in addition to leading a Climate Action Survey Session, will require attending:

1. An introductory Zoom call
2. A two-hour environmental justice training
3. One debrief session with other Climate Action Ambassadors.

[Apply Now](#)

SOUTH BEND SMART BUSINESSES RECYCLE

The Smart Businesses Recycle is a pilot program to assist businesses and nonprofits to start a single-stream recycling service, improve their recycling capabilities, and reduce waste through targeted incentives.

[Learn more](#)

[Apply Now](#)

Join South Bend's Commercial Recycling Pilot Program!

**SMART
BUSINESSES
RECYCLE**



Participate and...

- Receive incentives \$\$\$ for
 - Starting a single-stream recycling service
 - Reducing waste
 - Removing barriers to recycling
- Save money by assessing and minimizing your waste
- Reduce your impact on the environment
- Lead the way in sustainability in South Bend

Now
Accepting
Nonprofits!



Learn more and apply here:
www.southbendin.gov/commercialrecycling

Lead Safe South Bend

The City of South Bend has grants available to assist making your home lead safe. Eligible households can apply to have lead safe repairs completed, up to \$20,000, by qualified contractors

at no cost to you!

[Click For Lead Safe South Bend Information](#)



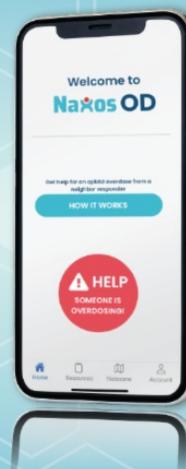
[Click for more information about the Canopy Tree program](#)

Community Canopy Tree Program.

Help beautify your neighborhood with this free program from SBVPA. South Bend is excited to make it easier on individuals to give back to the environment and create a healthier city. The program only allows trees to be planted on city public right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk (tree lawn). The tree may be up to 10 feet from the curb if no sidewalk exists.

Additional questions about the program? Please contact our Forester at 574-299-4766.

Naxos OD
Making Connections, Saving Lives



Naxos Neighbors provides opioid overdose bystanders with an anonymous, one-button press to connect with trained neighbor responders, ready to administer naloxone and provide immediate connections to harm

[Download Now](#)

[More Info](#)

reduction and treatment resources. They are now piloting in the South Bend, IN area.

Age Friendly Survey

Are you **50** or over? The City of South Bend wants to hear your opinion on how we can become a more age-friendly city! To complete the survey click the button to below.

[Age Friendly City Survey](#)

Snow Removal

Property owners and residents are urged to do their best to keep their sidewalks near their property shoveled.

Owners or occupants of properties must remove snow and ice from the public sidewalk within 24 hours after the end of any accumulation of snow or ice.

[Snow Removal Info](#)

Stay Connected to your Elected officials



Mayor James Mueller
mayormueller@southbendin.gov
311 (Within city limits)
574.233.0311 (Outside city limits)

South Bend Elected Officials

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Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team



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